

The 'Birch Hills Community Heartbeat' newsletter is printed bi-monthly and available at the following locations on the 1st and 15th of the month: Co-op Grocery, Brahma Insurance, Quayle Pharmacy, and various other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend.

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Exciting News: If you haven't noticed there is a new playground in town. See full write up on page 4. Mark your calendars

for all the fun golf tournaments and special golf days/evenings coming up...see last page for golf promos.

Due to problems arising from some spoilers, there is a crack down on quaders, & other non licensed motorized vehicles being driven through town. There is a full write up of the bylaw on the post office bulletinboard and it will be posted on the www.birchhills.ca website. Please remind friends and youth that only licensed vehicles are allowed to be driven in town and to please refrain from driving or parking on the grass.

Congratulations to our Gr 12 graduates and highschool award winners. Farewell & best wishes to Mr Kutnikoff, Mr Wallace, Ms Larson & Ms Quaale. Thank you to all teachers, administration, volunteers and maintenance staff for your dedication and service this year.

Enjoy your summer, you deserve it
Laurie Berube, Rec Director

MINOR BALL LEAGUE

Games in Birch Hills

June 16 Squirt Girls, Mite Boys

June 18 Squirt Girls

June 19 Mite, Midget Girls

Come out for ice cream and snacks to support Minor Ball.



Sending a bouquet of thanks out to Minor Ball for donating a BBQ to the concession at the diamonds

LADIES NINE & DINE



Wed, June 18th, 2014

Quick 101 lesson at 5:30pm

Tee off 6:00pm

Appetizers @ 8:00pm

\$25 includes 9 holes & appys

\$10 for those not wanting to golf but want to visit. Pre-register at clubhouse



MINOR SPORTS AGM

Monday, June 16th.

If you are interested in getting involved with Kids Ball or

Hockey, you are encouraged to attend the AGM at the Skating Rink 6pm.

These activities are only be offered in Birch Hills because of the people who volunteer their time to organize, fundraise, coach, manage, ump, ref, decorate, cook, clean, run the time clocks, keep score, pick up equipment, sell tickets, run raffles, chauffeur kids and so much more help is needed.

Maybe it's time you can help...Give lots or give little. It all makes a difference Learn more and attend a meeting. AND don't forget to thank those that are already involved in keeping our kids active. Current and some long time members of the Minor Sports Committee: President, Karla Lyons, Shae Adams, Sarah Lacombe, Kelly Njaa, Tanya Dansereau, Shirley Pratchler, Anna Devenis, Jan Goy, Kathy Arnestad. THANK YOU!! and Thank you also to the many coaches and managers of Hockey and Ball (too many to name...all of them appreciated)

JUNE issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by:

Birch Hills Ladies Golf Club King George Hotel, (Darren) Sundbo Water Services.

If you would like to be a sponsor of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at 306-749-7451/ birchhillsrec@sasktel.net. The cost is \$100 ea sponsor (3/month) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for you & the community. Thank you for supporting your local paper.

HELP NEEDED:

The museum group is seeking someone to help with the Threshing Demonstration on August 17th at the Threshing Day Celebration



Call 749-2262 if you can help.



Please Share Paper with a Friend or Send Email to receive the news letter online

BIRCH HILLS BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS AND THIS MONTHS NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

SUNDBO WATER SERVICE

Owner Operator: Darren Sundbo
306-749-3241
306-749-7555
14 years serving the RM's of Birch Hills,
St. Louis and Invergordon.
For quick, courteous service call now.

KING GEORGE HOTEL

Offering Free Pool Tables anytime
Wednesday Wing Special
\$7.00 / pound
Sundays \$4 domestic beer and
highballs



Birch Hills Ladies Golf Club

We are happy to report 8 new members and if anyone else wishes to join, Come out Tuesday mornings 9:00am or Wednesday evenings 5:30pm
The ladies club have been developing a small fruit tree area off #1 tee box as our memorial to Darlene Elsaesser.
Thank you to Northern Light Orchards for the donation of haskap plants.

Join us Wed, June 18th for '*Ladies Night Out, Nine & Dine*'
We will play 9 holes (best ball) and enjoy appetizers after.
Costs & Registration inquiries at the Golf Course.

Happy Golfing Season from the ladies!



SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM KICKOFF and PLAYGROUND PARK GRAND OPENING

Join us **July 1st...CANADA DAY** at the Lion's Club Ball Park and Playground for tons of family fun.



Bike Parade, Games, BBQ Fundraiser, Drop in Ball for kids and Adults, Soccer with a twist and more. Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Playground after bike parade group arrives. BBQ & games to follow

Bike Parade starts at 12:00pm
Travelling down Main St. by Birchview, out to sportsgrounds.
Paraders are to gather at the Post Office 11:30.
Decorate in Red and White

DEDICATE A PICNIC TABLE or BENCH

There are 8 tables and a few benches that need to be purchased for the campground, ball diamonds and park area. If you are interested in sponsoring one for \$200, please contact Laurie. We will make plaques as per your request. Families, Businesses, Groups, Individuals welcome.



Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th and 25th of each month. Send entries to **birchhillsrec@sasktel.net** or call 306-749-7451

SAVE THE DATE



Christmas Shopping Bus Tour

Looking for that perfect, unique gift for that special someone, or maybe one for that person who seems to have everything?? Come with us!!!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014 – All day excursion!

Comfort of a chartered bus – stopping in 5 towns at several vendors. \$35/person (non-refundable) – ONLY 40 seats available!

Must be prepaid prior to October 1st 2014 (a request will not hold your spot)
We can do pickups in Kinistino if requested. Contact Iris Fjeld @ 749-7377.

Birch Hills Cowboy Church
@ Community Centre
1st Sunday of each month



Next Service **July 6,**
7:00pm

Featuring Country
Gospel Music with down
home bible message.

All Welcome.
Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235

Taxi Service in Birch Hills

Service 7 days a week. Around town, to P.A and back and even to Saskatoon if you have to catch a plane (must make arrangements in advance). Call **306-749-1222**

Want to see changes?...**BE THE CHANGER!**

The Birch Hills COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

Next meeting Tuesday June 17, 2014 @ 7:30pm
in the Museum Boardroom.

Contact Stewart or Louise Adams or Shirley Ulvild for more info

Birch Hills Crime Watch on Facebook

There is a group of people interested in forming a Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) in Birch Hills. If you are interested, please join on facebook and/or speak to Amanda Bliss or Rosa Matice (Clay Oven)

RYSC Youth is now collecting

Canadian Tire Money.

A drop box has been set up on the step railing at the Post Office for collection.

Thank your contributions!



Summer Dance Camp

for ages 8yrs & up on
August 25, 26, 27.

No dance experience necessary
Registration and information
Phone Mary 749-3446. or join us on facebook

Spring/Summer **Jump Start** applications submission extended to **June 12!**

http://www.citypa.ca/Residents/Youth/JumpstartGrantProgram.aspx#.U55R7_IdWSo

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If you know of any kids (age 4 -18) who need support to participate in any spring or summer sports/recreation activities i.e. summer camps, Swimming lessons, sport camps, Click on the link above.



Cans & Bottles Piling Up?

RYSC Youth Group continues to collect **RECYCLABLE BEVERAGE** cans and bottles including Glass Beverage bottles, Metal Juice Cans and Juice Boxes and Juice Cartons. If you have some you would like to donate, please call 749-2478. We will pick them up or you can drop off at the back of the Youth Center



FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

JJ Voss Concert

August 2nd

Open Stage & Karoke Friday Night Hosts in June

June 20 - Breanne Stubbs

June 27 - Pam Cochet

NOTE: Steak Nights will soon be done. Thanks for your patronage

Purchase tickets at the Clay Oven or online at www.fluteandfiddle.ca

Like us on Facebook,

Follow us on Twitter

Summer Playground Program

WISH LIST

Help save on craft supplies and recycle
If you have any of the following items to donate. Please contact Laurie 749-7451 or Brittany 981-5580

Old newspapers

Any type of paper

Glass bottles (baby food jars)

Egg cartons

Shoe boxes

Plastic pop bottles (about 35)

White t-shirts that can be tie dyed

Ice cream pails

Balloons

Any type of sports equipments
(Frisbees, soccer balls, footballs etc)

Card board boxes

Glue

Paint

Elastic bands

Crayons

Markers

Children's story books

Anything that someone thinks we could use for crafts, we would love to have it. Thank You, Brittany

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

in Brancepeth @ 7pm

Summer Services every Wednesday in

June, July, and August

Everyone Welcome

FUN FACT: This issue of the Heartbeat newsletter marks its 3rd anniversary!!



URGENT Help Needed



If anyone has a line on TWO sheds (10x8)ish for storage of the playground program supplies and for campfire wood, please

contact Laurie 749-7451 immediately.

Can be an older shed, supplies to build one or info where to buy one, best price and ready made preferred. Pick up can be arranged.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

The playground program will return to Birch Hill this July & August. The days of the program will expand to Monday through Friday 1:00 -4:00pm. The program will take place at the Lion's Club Ball Diamonds, unless otherwise scheduled. *Watch for calendars at the Co-op and school*

This years Playground Leaders are:

Brittany Larson, Carlee Opseth and
new this year **Taylor Mitchell**



Join the leaders July 1st...Canada Day for some Family Fun

LION'S BALL DIAMOND PARK NEWS

Co-ed Adult Slow Pitch League:

Wednesday Nights - Starts July 2nd

Co-ed SlowPitch Tournament:

NEW DATE PA Dragon Slayers hosting a slow pitch tournament in Birch Hills. July 12/13 weekend. Call 960-3761 if your team is interested in registering.



Drop in SlowPitch Fridays 7pm at the diamonds. \$2 to play

Everyone is Welcome. Come once in awhile, come all the time...it's drop in!

BOREDOM BUSTIN'

returning to Birch Hills in July/Aug Wednesday Nights @ 7pm behind the school will be activities for 9yrs+. Send the kids out for some fun, sponsored by Rec Board

THE PLAYGROUND IS UP AT THE SPORTSGROUNDS!! Thanks to people that gave effortlessly and some that gave even more in time, money and supplies. Another prime example, how just a few people can make a huge difference by contributing some of their time. Many hands make light work, lots of fun & something to be proud of! Because of them, you and your family and friends are able to enjoy this playground. Special thanks to Leon Pratchler, who gave endless time and planning with me starting early 2013!! (thank you to his family and girls at Brahma Insurance Inc for putting up with Leon being distracted over the year!!)

Many other folks helped make this happen from all those that volunteered at the two Provincial ball tournaments held last summer, which helped us to even be able to purchase a \$20,000 playground, of which \$10,000 was donated from the Community Initiatives Fund.

Recognition and gratitude to the following who helped make this happen:

Playground Equipment Installers: Leon Pratchler, his brother in laws Ken and Jerome (cert'd installer that donated over \$1000 of his expertise), Pete Arnestad, Tyler & Jody Mickelson, Wyatt & Mandi Court, Curtis Mickelson (& his bobcat), Doug Rutherford (master welder on the fly!!), Ethel Rutherford (who made us a fabulous lunch c/o herself and the golf course), Sheldon Jensen (brought us the sand and donated his bobcat & time).

Thanks you to Jaesen Dansereau for use of his machine and time, to the Birch Hills Museum for storing our equipment over the winter, to Barry Evans for his equipment, to Dean and Jackie Manson for donating weeping tile to help with drainage, to Shirley & Arvin Ulvild (donation of \$300), Gord Hood, Lorne Ridgway, Curtis Mickelson and Jerel Wood for spreading the dirt last spring and this spring (72 loads!! of it hauled by McIntyre Construction). Thank you Shannon Simpso, John Deere and Barry Evans for use of your equipment. Thank you to McIntyre for donating over \$17000 worth of time and services. Thanks to the Town of Birch Hills for gravel & dirt. I REALLY hope I didn't miss anyone who contributed...if I did, consider yourself an unknown Hero!

As you can see, these things do not happen over night and it takes ALOT of time, money and team work to accomplish a project like this. We are still not finished the area. More sand is coming and needs to be spread out. Leon, Ken, Gord & Curtis have seeded for grass, **please avoid the dirt area until grass is growing**. More work on the campsites is needed, trees need to be planted and brush needs to be cleared (Brian & Matt at LPBC will be organizing if you can help). We have a horseshoe pit to install and Doug Rutherford is working on new picnic tables too. If you would like to sponsor a table, please contact Laurie. There are various other jobs that come up, if you would like to get involved. there is still time to be a part of this amazing project. Take on a project mentioned and contact me, Laurie Berube or Leon Pratchler to get involved.

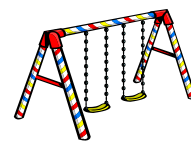
NOTE: We are having trouble with the plumbing at

the toilets. Sorry for the inconvenience. We hope to have it fixed it soon

It is our hope that many families, friends and visitors will enjoy this area for a very long time.

Please use it, enjoy it, respect it, keep it clean and make many good memories here!

Laurie Berube



EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

MONDAY

Line Dancing **CANCELLED Weds only during summer**
 Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364
 Thimbles & Threads Sewing Club 6:30pm @ Birchview Melissa 749-3482
 Fire Department Meetings 7pm @ fire hall



TUESDAY

Knitting Grannies **are taking a break...Returning in the Fall**
 Karate 7:30pm St Louis Karate Club 422-8665
 Library Open 12-4pm and 5-8pm
 Community Booster Mtg 3rd Tues of the month Civic Centre 7:30-9pm
 St Louis Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500
 Optimist Club 2nd & 4th Tues of the month New members welcome
 Crystal Springs Bingo

WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am at the Sr Hall
 Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9-4:00pm Great Deals!
 Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm
 Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders Contact Audrey 749-2217 to join
 Birchview Ladies Aux 9:30 every 2nd Wed ea month New members welcome
 Randy Hoback Office 1st Wed of month @ Town Hall 1-3pm
 Holy Trinity Church Svc 7pm Brancepeth starting June 4- Aug 13th
Boredom Busting Starts July 3rd 7pm behind school



THURSDAY

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364
 Library Open 12 - 4:30pm
 St Louis Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500
 Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ legion hall. New members welcome



FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St
 Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time done till fall**
Drop in Slow Pitch @ ball diamonds 7pm \$2 to play
 Flute & Fiddle Open Mic & Karaoke Happy Hour till 8 All ages welcome

If you have something to add to this list, contact Laurie at 749-7451

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS



Birch Hills Community Church @ Civic Centre 11:00am
 at 428 Bellamy Ave 9:30am:
 Lutheran Church Service (1st, 3rd & 5th Sun of the month)
 United Church Service (2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)
 Glad Tidings Tabernacle (Pentecostal) @ 101 4th St 11am
 Lake Park Baptist Church @ Hwy 3 11:00am
 Saron Lutheran Church near Hagen 9:30am
 St Mary's Anglican Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 9:00am
 St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11:30am

BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours:

Tuesdays: 12-4 & 5-8 pm,
 Thursdays & Fridays:
 12 to 4:30 pm



JOIN THE SUMMER BOOK CLUB
See Library for more details

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Senior Hall

Vel Bompais 749-3364 Hall Rentals

Birch Hills Royal Cdn Legion

Lyle Mohn 749-7927 Hall Rentals

Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571 Member Info



Birch Hills Lions Club

Bruce Tilford 749-7743

Todd Devenis 749-3425

Birch Hills Historical Society

Shirley Ulvild 749-2500

Community Boosters

Stewart & Louise Adams 749-3521

Dreamland Optimist Club

Stuart Matice 306-314-2378

Community Garden

Shirley Ulvild 749-2500

Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders

Audrey Matheson 749-2217

Fire Department

Peter Lubyk 980-7674

Sno-Posse Snowmobile Club

Jodi or Sheldon Gordon

Birchview Ladies Auxillary &

Meals on Wheels (help wanted)
 749-2288



our Facebook page to get activity updates. Feel free to add your own event or activity info to the 'Birch Hills Community & Recreation' page

NEW: Birch Hills SK Golf Course

Other Local pages:

BH Bargain Basement, , BH Dance Centre, BH Blackhawks, Bling Car Wash, Brahma Insurance, Clay Oven Café, Community Boosters, BH Community Garden, BH Co-op, Dreamland Optimist Club of BH, Flute and Fiddle, General Quarters Paintball, BH Mamas, Partie Perks Rental Studio, BH Sno-Posse, , 'Like' these pages to become part of these groups & get more information



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Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills



GET YER GOAT...OR THEIRS!

Golf Course Raffle \$5/ticket

Buy your Friend or Foe a
chance to Win A Real Live
Goat!! No KIDDing!!

Draw Date Sept 30, 2014

Goat Insurance \$20

(ensures you won't win the goat)

Tickets on sale now



Attention Juniors...

GET YOUR GOLF ON

Monday, July 7th, 2014

FUN evening for anyone under
18yrs when accompanied by an
adult. Free BBQ Hotdogs,
Pop, Club Rentals and Green
Fees.



If anyone has a set of Jr clubs to loan for this
evening, Pls contact the Clubhouse ASAP

July Junior Specials to be announced...



BIRCH HILLS GOLF COURSE NEWS

Lunch at the Clubhouse

Call 749-2211 to pre-order lunch

homemade & fresh buns and meats

Fresh baked Cinnamon Buns on Sat & Sun

Monthly 50/50
Draw. Tickets
available at
Clubhouse

Mens Night 6:00pm Tuesdays

Ladies Golf Tues 9:00am

Wed 5:30pm



Funday Mondays: 2 for 1 green fees (\$18)

Thirty Thursdays: 9 holes & Cart Rental \$30

JUNE CASH BACK for Members:

Current members receive \$50 back for each new member they refer to
sign up for 2014 membership. AND/OR members can receive \$20
back for each 10 pack purchased by new referred golfer.

(New members or new golfers can not have had membership or
10pack since 2010 season) Inquire at Clubhouse

Watch for **JUNIOR JULY SPECIALS**....details in next Heartbeat

Museum News

Parade entries for
Threshing Day on
August 17th Call
749-2262

Join us Weds for
Coffee & Thrift
Store Shopping

SEEKING

INDIVIDUALS

Interested in
becoming a Golf
Course Board
Member.
Contact Rec Office
or current member

CASUAL-PartTime
Ground Maintenance
Position Available at
the golf course starts
\$11/hr Send resumes
to Rec Office asap.
Hiring immediately

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- June**
- 16 - Minor Sports AGM
 - 17 - Community Booster Mtg
 - 18 - Ladies Night Out - Nine & Dine
 - 21 - Longest Day of Play
 - 22 - Bridal Shower Mark & Emma
 - 28 - Town vs Country Golf Tourney
 - Slow Pitch Tourney (tentative)
- July**
- 1 - Playground Program Kickoff
 - 2 - Summer Playground Prgm starts
 - Boredom Bustin' starts
 - Slow Pitch League Starts
 - 6 - Cowboy Church
 - 7 - Junior Night at the Golf Course
 - 8 - Men's Golf Tournament
 - 12/13 - Slow Pitch Tourney (PA Dragons)
 - 17 - Community Booster Mtg
 - 19 - Legion Golf tournament (private)
 - 22 - Link Family Concert @ LPBC
 - 26 - Cinnamon Bun Classic Golf Tourney
- August**
- 1-3 - Weldon's 100th Celebration
 - 2 - JJ Voss Concert
 - 16 - Cory Braaten Memorial Golf
 - 17 - Annual Threshing Day
 - 18-22 - LPBC Vacation Bible School
- September**
- 3 - Ladies Harvest Golf Tourney
 - 26-28 - Sask Culture Days
 - 28 - Brancepeth Fall Supper
- October**
- 18 - Christmas Shopping Bus Tour